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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the hon. Member himself should answer because the demand for subsidies as a whole mainly comes from the Communist Party and other organizations."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" கம்யூனிஸ்ட் கட்சி தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு குறைத்துக்கொடுக்கவேண்டும் என்று சொன்னாலும்கூட அந்த மற்ற வழைகளிடமிருந்து வசூல் செய்து கொடுக்கவேண்டும் என்று சொல்லவில்லை. சர்க்காரிலிருந்து அவர்களுக்கு சப்சிடி கொடுக்கும்படியாகச் சொல்லுகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is why, in spite of the representations of the Communist Party, we have abolished this system and we are having now a uniform price throughout."

Misappropriation of funds of the Manapparai Co-operative Credit Society.

* 491 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether any case of misappropriation of amounts by the President and Secretary of the Manapparai Co-operative Credit Society was brought to the notice of the Government recently, and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether any persons responsible for the fraud and misappropriation were arrested or in any way proceeded with; and

(c) other action, if any, taken by the Government in the matter and the results thereof?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Yes, Sir. An enquiry into the affairs of the Bank under section 38 of the Madras Co-operative Societies Act revealed that a sum of Rs. 81,238–6–0 was misappropriated.

" (b) A Police complaint was filed against the President and Secretary of the Society on 30th December 1953. Both were arrested and have been enlarged on bail.

" (c) The Committee of Management of the Society has been superseded and a Senior Inspector of Co-operative Societies has been appointed as a Special Officer to administer its affairs."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It appears the case is before the Court."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" I am aware, Sir, it is *sub-judice* to some extent. May I know, Sir, what is the share capital of this Credit Society during the co-operative year 1952–53? Is it a fact that a sum of Rs. 60,000 was advanced on jewels which are not in existence? Is it a fact that large amounts are said to have been advanced in the name of deceased persons,

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false, imaginary and fictitious persons and is it also a fact that certain persons are said to have taken loans and have returned them, which is absolutely false? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I think this does not form part of the question. A separate question may be put."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The case is before the Court. It is better we do not discuss about it."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is it a fact that one of the officials of the Co-operative Department happens to be a non-official Director of this Society? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I submit this has nothing to do with the question."

SRI ANTONY PETER :—" Will the Government come forward to appoint a separate committee after the case is disposed of, to check these accounts again and punish the Government officials if they are found responsible for the misappropriation? " 10-40 a.m.

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government do not want to commit themselves. Let us await the result of the prosecution."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know the period between which this misappropriation took place? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI R. KRISHNASWAMI NAIDU :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, சில வருஷங்களாகவே கூட்டுறவு சங்கங்களில் இவைப்போன்ற கையாடல்கள் என்ற குறைகள் அதிகப்படியாக இருந்து கொண்டுவருகின்றன. இதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன என்று கண்டு பிடிக்கவேண்டும். மேற்பார்வையிலும் சங்கங்களை தணிக்கை செய்வதிலும் தீவிர நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளாதது தான் காரணம் என்று கூட்டுறவாளர்கள் நம்புகிறார்கள். அதில் அதிகப்படியான கவனம் செலுத்தினால் அதிகமாக இத்தகைய குறைகளைத் தவிர்க்க முடியும். ஆகவே இதைப்பற்றி தீவிர நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் யோசித்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்களா ? அதற்கு என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government always take action whenever it is brought to their notice that there has been misappropriation in any society."

SRI D. K. RAJU :—" Are the Government aware that the prominent people of the place, namely, Congress Members are solely responsible for such mishaps? I know, for certain, that it is so in my area."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"There is misappropriation also in societies where Congressmen do not occupy offices."

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SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" From the reply of the Hon. Minister, it is clear that the President and the Secretary of the Society are proceeded against before the Criminal Court for misappropriation. Every year audit takes place. During what period did this fabrication of accounts and making of advances to deceased persons take place? May I also know whether it was found out during the previous periodical audits? Is there any information about this because the share capital cannot exceed Rs. 5,000 or Rs. 6,000? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" In view of the fact that this matter is before the Court, may I suggest that we should not prejudice the case by questions or answers which may affect fair trial? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I am also of the same view."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have nothing more to add to what I have already said."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Since defalcations in societies are widespread and on a large scale, will the Government consider the desirability of instituting at least an official inquiry in the near future and submitting a report to the House? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Is the hon. Member making a general observation or has he any particular case in view? If it is a general observation, whenever cases of misappropriation are brought to the notice of the Government, we ask the Registrar to investigate into the matter and if there is any truth, we hand over the case to the Police. I do not know how a committee can help in the solution of human foibles."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" இப்பொழுது குறிப்பிட்ட சொசைட்டியில்கூட நீண்ட காலமாக கையாடல் நடந்து வந்திருக்கிறது."

MR. SPEAKER :—" இது sub-judice ஆக இருப்பதால் அதைப்பற்றி அதிகமாகப் பேசக்கூடாது. இவ்விதம் நடந்ததற்கு அங்குள்ள அதிகாரிகள் சரியானபடி தணிக்கை செய்யாததுதான் காரணமா ? அப்படி இருந்தால் அது சம்பந்தப்பட்ட அதிகாரிகள் யார் என்று கண்டு பிடித்து அவர் மேல் நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பதற்கு முயற்சி எடுக்கப்பட்டதா ? "

Implementation of the award of the Labour Appellate Tribunal by the Artisan Press, Madras.

* 492 *Q*.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state why the Government did not take steps to get the award of the Labour Appellate Tribunal, dated 25th May 1953, implemented by the Artisan Press, Madras, regarding bonus, allowance, gratuity, etc., to be given to the workers of the said press?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The question of prosecuting the Press for non-implementation of the Award is under consideration of the Government."